

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:
storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in a wireless communications device;
inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;
determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number;
10 comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number
with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and
placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic
characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

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2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:
not placing the phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic
characteristic does not match any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

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3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
determining a position location; and
using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

4. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in the wireless communications device;

inputting a phone number into a wireless communications device;

determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number;

5 comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone number with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and

placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic characteristic does not match any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

10 5. The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

not placing the phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined geographic characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

15 6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

determining a position location; and

using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

20 7. A method for restricting wireless communication, comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of authorized area codes in a wireless communications device;

inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;

determining the particular area code of the inputted phone number; and

placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code matches any of the authorized area codes stored in the wireless communications device.

8. The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:
not placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code
does not match any of the authorized area codes.

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9. The method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of:
comparing the determined area code with each of the plurality of the authorized area
codes stored in the wireless communications device.

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10. The method according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
determining a position location; and
using the position location to authorize the placing of the phone call.

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11. A system for restricting wireless communication, comprising:
means for storing a plurality of geographic characteristics in a wireless
communications device;

means for inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;

means for determining a particular geographic characteristic of the inputted phone
number;

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means for comparing the determined geographic characteristic of the inputted phone
number with each of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics; and

means for placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined
geographic characteristic matches any of the plurality of stored geographic characteristics.

12. A wireless communications device, comprising:

means for storing a plurality of authorized area codes in the wireless communications device;

5 means for inputting a phone number into the wireless communications device;

means for determining the particular area code of the inputted phone number; and

means for placing a phone call to the inputted phone number if the determined area code matches any of the authorized area codes.

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